# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Milton Mealey Farmstead	Survey Number:_F-5-98
Project: New Market Loop 230 kV Transmission Line	Agency: _DNR/PSC
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name	Date
Eligibility recommended $\underline{X}$ Eligibility not	t recommended
Criteria:AB _X_CD Considerations:	ABCDEFGNone
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet	et if necessary and attach map)
Based on the available information, the Milton Meale Road in southeastern Frederick County, is eligible Properties. The two-story stone farmhouse was oppoperty are a bank barn with milk house, a wagon equipment shed, all dating to the early 20th central Criterion C for the farmhouse, which exhibits Greatures a number of unusual elements, including diagonally placed fireplaces.	e for the Maryland Register of Historic constructed c. 1800-1825. Also on the shed/corn crib, a smokehouse, privy and ury. The property is significant under sek Revival-derived design elements and
In addition to being individually eligible, the propoumerous historic farmsteads within a largely unalted istoric district.	
Documentation on the property/district is presented :Form F-5 43, Historic Evaluation Report: New Marke	
Prepared by: Christine Davis Consultants(report); Ja	anet Davis(1994 form)
Elizabeth Hannold Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	1/22/97 Date
NR program concurrence: Y yes no not a	
Reviewer, NR poogram	Date

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:					
	Eastern Shore Western Shore	(Anne	Castern Shore counties, and Cecil) Arundel, Calvert, Charles,			
_X	Piedmont	Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)				
	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)				
II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	pmental Periods:				
	Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period ( prehisto	n Ltion	10000-7500 B.C. 7500-6000 B.C. 6000-4000 B.C. 4000-2000 B.C. 2000-500 B.C. 500 B.C A.D. 900 A.D. 900-1600 A.D. 1570-1750 A.D. 1680-1815 A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Presenthistoric)			
III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:		IV. Historic Period Themes:			
	Subsistence Settlement  Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaption	<u>X</u> _	Agriculture Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation			
v. R	esource Type:					
	Category: <u>Buildings</u>					
	Historic Environment: Rural					
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s	s): <u>I</u>	Owelling-single residence; domestic outbuildings			
	Agricultural-animal shelter,	food s	storage, outbuildings			
	Known Design Source:					

The Milton Mealey Farmstead has a two-story, two-section stone dwelling with a five-bay main elevation and a two-bay, recessed side kitchen wing built during the first quarter of the 19th century. The interior features of the house include several original elements, principally the unusual built-in drawers in the deep paneled window sills in the east parlor, the original dining room. In the west end of the house, the original plan had two small parlors with diagonally placed corner fireplaces. One of these has its original Greek Revival mantel with fluted engaged columns. The dining room has a simpler version of a Greek Revival mantel with a side cupboard. Bull's-eye corner blocks are in both sections and inverted "T" lamp brackets are in two of Peg hooks for hanging are in the main hall. The the first floor rooms. kitchen wing has a large open fireplace with an oven enclosure and the original iron crane. An enclosed winding stair is in the northwest corner. Raised panel doors and original box locks are found on most interior doorways. The outbuildings are of the period about 1900-1925 and include a circa 1911 bank barn with concrete block extensions housing a milking parlor and a milk house, built in the 1920's. A frame wagon shed/corn crib, an equipment shed, a smokehouse, and a privy all were built during the same period. The farm was owned by Milton Mealey from 1847 to 1882, but the original builder and occupant is as yet unknown. The farm is part of the large land holdings of the Dorsey and Downey families in the late 18th century and was probably used as a tenant farm during the period before and after the Mealey ownership. The unusual built-in drawers are also found in the Oliver P. Harding House (F-5-99) and have been reported in another nearby stone house of the same period.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Rural Agrarian intensification, A.D. 1680-1815 Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870 Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

### Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

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city, town	New Market	<u>×</u> vicinity of	congressional district	6th
state	Maryland	county	Frederick	
3. Clas	ssification			
Category  district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considere not applicab	yes: restricted ed yes: unrestricted	Present Use  x agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Owi	ner of Prop	erty (give names a	and mailing address	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name Jam	es P. Heppner			
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street & numbe	r 6201 Green Va	liey Road	telephone r	10.:
oity, town	New Market			21774
<u>5. Loc</u>	ation of Le	egal Descripti	<u>on</u>	
courthouse, reg	jistry of deeds, etc.	Frederick County Court	thouse	liber 1166
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#### 7. Description F-5-98 Condition Check one Check one \_ deteriorated \_ excellent \_\_\_\_ unaltered X original site X good X\_\_ altered \_\_\_\_ moved date of move \_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ unexposed

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Milton Mealey Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a two-story stone dwelling built in two stages, the dates possibly being within a few years or during the first quarter of the 19th century, with its associated outbuildings of the early 20th century, including a circa 1911 bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900, a frame smokehouse of abut 1900, a privy of about the 1920's, and an equipment shed of the same period. The farmstead is located about 2,250 feet east of Green Valley Road (Md. 75) with its driveway entrance near the intersection of Old New London Road and Green Valley Road. The principal elevation of the house faces south and has five bays with a recessed kitchen wing fronted by a The outbuildings are located east of the dwelling. The modern enclosed porch. dates of the structures are based on architectural details, land records, historical maps, and a personal interview with the one of the current owners, Mrs. James P. Heppner.

The dwelling's recessed eastern section is believed by Mrs. Heppner to have been the first section built and local tradition placed its date at about 1790. It has a one-room plan and the south elevation had two bays with a shed porch supported on integral wood beams extending through the south stone wall. This porch has been removed and replaced by a modern enclosed sun porch which also shelters the cell~ entrance to the adjoining second section at the west end of the enclosure. 1 former exterior wall has been covered with board and batten paneling. The window on the first story has 6/6 sash. The door has 6 raised panels. In the single room, which is the current remodeled kitchen, several original features have been Most prominent is a large open fireplace at the northeast corner with a retained. large beaded lintel, a square oven opening, and the original crane. In the northwest corner is an enclosed winding staircase. The plaster walls have been replaced, but a section of original beaded peg hooks is still in place on the west The ceiling had been covered with pressed metal up to the early 1980's, but wall. was removed to reveal a large summer beam and joists which bear traces of lath and plaster applied probably during the early 19th century and removed prior to the pressed metal installation. The floor has also been replaced. Adjoining the north elevation of the kitchen is a concrete block shed addition used as a summer kitchen in the 1940's to 1970's period. The east gable end has no openings except a 2/2 attic window.

The exterior of the western section has five bays on the south elevation with a modern entry porch at the center doorway. On the north elevation, the two sections of the house are joined on a single plane with no evidence of a joint line or other indication of two periods of construction. The roof of the eastern section is slightly lower than the western section roof. Both are covered with standing seam The western section has a corbeled brick cornice and metal over wood shingles. interior end chimneys. The stone exterior walls have been repointed in the 1980's, duplicating the slightly raised profile of mortar joints on other early 19th century stone houses in Frederick County. On the south elevation, the windows are 6/6 and the shutter hardware still in place at some openings indicates that the shutter

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	Applicable Criteria:A and/or Applicable Exception:A Level of Significance:	A _B _C _D		

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Milton Mealey Farmstead is highly significant for the architecture of the stone dwelling, which, although altered, retains many features of its construction in the first quarter of the 19th century. It also has some unusual elements such as the built-in drawers in the window sills of the original dining room and diagonally placed fireplaces in the west parlor. The drawers have been noted in a nearby stone house of approximately the same period, the Oliver P. Harding House (F-5-99) and have been reported in a third house in the vicinity. Further research and documentation may show links between the houses through a common builder or family The origin of the Mealey House is obscure, being part of the large tracts of land owned by the Dorsey and Downey families in the late 18th century. arts of the several named tracts were sold in smaller farms and land records indicate that Milton Mealey acquired a 6-acre tract from John Downey in 1847. architectural evidence of the house clearly dates from at least 27 years earlier, however, and it is not yet known who the original occupant or owner was. The 1858 and 1873 maps show "M. Mealey" as the owner and in 1882 Susannah Mealey (born 1835), Milton's widow, was one of the grantors of the farm back to the Downey family. It remained in their possession until 1915. The associated farm buildings are of the early 20th century, some of which may have been built by tenant farmers and the rest by two generations of the Coughlin family, the owners from 1915 to 1982.

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typically found on 19th century houses have been removed. The doorway has a 6-panel door with a four-light transom. Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Plaque No. 147 is attached to the door. Just below the ceiling of the entry porch are the end brackets of tie rods which are visible running along the walls in the interior center hall. Other faint whitewash traces around the door frame indicates that a porch or enclosure of another design once sheltered the doorway. The square piers of the present porch show sockets where a railing connecting the piers has been removed. The porch base is brick. On the west gable end at the base of the interior chimney stack near the gable peak is a flat dressed stone with an incised border, obviously a panel meant to be inscribed, but which was never finished. A single bay near the northwest corner on each story has 6/6 windows. The north elevation has an off-set center bay window which lights the interior stair landing. A boarded door in the center is at the rear of the center hall. On this side, the tie rod ends are braced with wood blocks and bolts.

The interior of the western section has a center hall plan with flanking parlors. The main door has raised panels and a box lock. The plaster walls have a beaded chair rail and, on each side of the doorway are beaded peg hook moldings. The staircase has a scrolled closer decoration, probably a mahogany railing, a square balusters. The door trim has a recessed paneled architrave and corner blocks. The floor is covered with wall-to-wall carpet. The east parlor has a fireplace opening with Greek Revival details, including elliptical columns flanking the opening and half-round and flat moldings in the pilasters bracketing the frieze panel. A paneled cupboard flanks the fireplace on the Between the two south windows is an inverted "T" bracket for a hanging Under the deep sills of the windows are built-in drawers, a feature found in at least one other nearby house, the Oliver P. Harding House (F-5-99) and reported in a third house on Lime Plant Road which has yet to be surveyed. The close proximity of the houses with this feature strongly indicates the work of the same builder or group of builders. The drawers were undoubtedly used for table items since the room's location next to the kitchen identifies it as the dining room.

The western end of the house was originally divided into two smaller rooms by a partition wall which has been removed, leaving the original diagonally placed fireplaces which opened in each room still in place. The mantelpiece in the northern end is original, with a Greek Revival period style with engaged fluted columns and recessed square blocks bracketing the frieze panel. The mantelpiece in the south part of the room has been replaced with plain surfaced elements, possibly a replacement after damage by a flare-up. The inverted "T" lamp bracket is also present between the south windows, but the built-in drawers are not in this room as in the east parlor. The corner blocks and trim in the north end of the room are plainer than those in the south end, indicating the less formal original purpose of this room. Window soffits throughout the first floor of the main section are paneled and the floors are carpeted.

Regarding the dating of the two sections of the house, the stylistic evidence strongly indicates that the western section is a building of the first quarter of the 19th century. The kitchen wing is less clearly defined and

### 7.2 Description (Continued)

nothing about its plan or remaining original features places it clearly earlier than the main section. Its functional nature may appear more primitive than the finer finishes in the living rooms of the house, but this aesthetic difference would be expected in any time period.

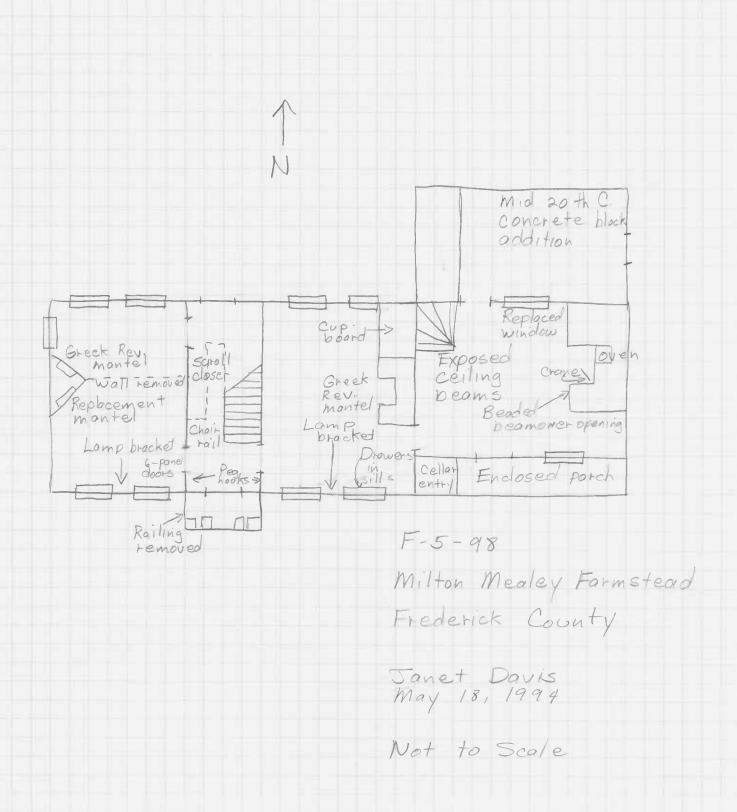
Smokehouse: The circa 1900 frame smokehouse is located northeast of the dwelling's concrete block addition. It has german siding and a tongue-and-groove door on the west gable end. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A shed addition on the north side is used as a wood shed.

Privy: The two-seat privy just north of the smokehouse is covered with tongue-and-groove vertical boards and has an asphalt shingled shed roof. The privy appears to date from the early 1920's.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed with corn cribs was probably built about 1900. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Stone piers support the cribs, which have vertical vented side laths.

Equipment shed: The frame shed used to shelter farm machines is located east of the wagon shed and may have been built in the 1920's. It has an open side on the south and vertical siding on the north, east and west. The shed roof is corrugated metal.

Bank barn and milk house: The frame bank barn with a stone foundation was built about 1911 according to Mrs. Heppner. The barn has vertical siding and an adjoining concrete block milking parlor projecting from the southwest corner. Just west of this corner is a small concrete block milk house. These additions to the barn probably took place in the late 1920's or early 1930's. Near the ramp on the north elevation is a terra cotta block silo.

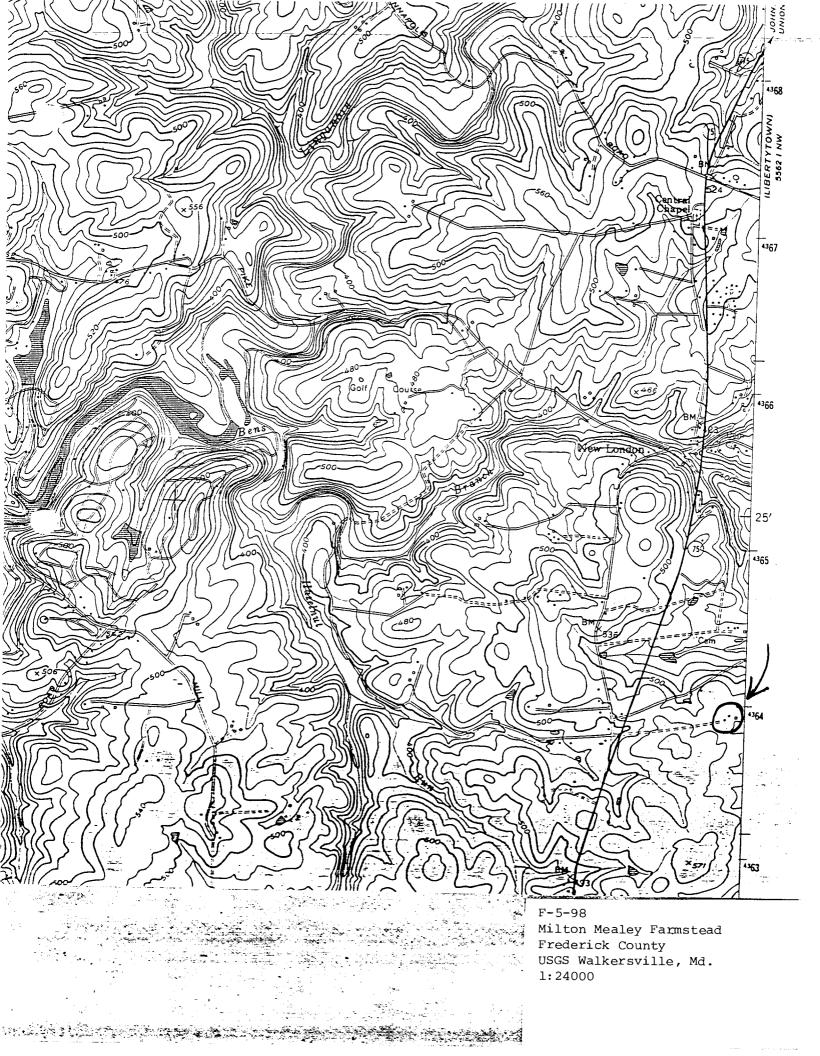


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